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BUSINESS MEN WILL ASSIST BAND CARNIVAL

Favor Beautifying Grounds Adjacent To Alexander School — Dinner Meeting In March — Discuss Various Questions.

The Grimsby Business Men's Association held its February meeting in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening when interesting discussions took place on the various matters to which attention was directed. The president, C. D. Millyard, was in the chair. There was an excellent representation of members present and keen interest was evidenced in the questions considered.

Those in attendance cordially received a proposal to assist the Grimsby Band in connection with a carnival which that organization is contemplating putting on to raise funds to finance the band and the executive was named to co-operate with the band in the matter, with power to name committees to assist in connection with the proposed carnival.

The matter of curb signs was also considered at some length, comment being made on the number displayed along the Main Street. It was pointed out that the Highway Department had a certain amount of jurisdiction in connection with street signs in communities the size of Grimsby. A committee, comprising Hugh Whyte and C. J. West was named to inquire into the legal aspect of the matter.

Considerable discussion took place as to the speed with which traffic moves through the town and the danger to pedestrians and children involved in drivers not slowing down and exercising care when passing through the municipality. The suggestion was made that the stopping of speeding drivers by the police and warning them might be of assistance in curbing this. The meeting named a committee comprising Ex-Mayor McPherson and Roy St. John, to confer with the police committee of the town on the matter.

The proposal to take over the Alexander School property for municipal offices was also the subject of some discussion, information being given as to the resolution passed by the Board of Education indicating its willingness to place it at the town's disposal for the purpose.

The beautification of the grounds adjacent to the Alexander School was proposed and a resolution was passed that the town council do so irrespective of whether the school is utilized for town purposes or not.

The next meeting to be held some time during March will take the form of a dinner meeting when an outstanding speaker will address the gathering.

The Association endorsed a resolution asking reconsideration of the decision to close the local Customs and Excise Office and to so advise the Minister of National Revenue, Ottawa.

Pays Official Visit To Union Lodge

On Thursday evening last, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks of Caledonia, District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District B, paid his official visit to Union Lodge No. 7. Mr. Hicks was accompanied by a number of Masons from Caledonia and Hamilton. The District Deputy was introduced by L. J. Farrell who was for a few years a citizen of Caledonia. After the degree work the brethren adjourned to the banquet room where Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks delivered an inspiring address on "The Duties of Masons".

The guests were received by L. A. Bromley, W.M. of the Lodge. During the evening H. H. Ponton, the historian of the Lodge, presented Union Lodge, on behalf of Mr. Wm. Fitch, some rare old Masonic Books. A two minute silence was observed in respect to our late King George V.

GUNMEN SECURE \$1,200 FROM BANK IN HAMILTON

Two daring gunmen held up and robbed the Herkimer and Locke streets branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Thursday afternoon and secured \$1,200 in cash.

Since the thugs sped away from the bank after they had forced the bank staff and customers to lie face downward on the floor while carrying out the robbery, no clue to their identities or whereabouts has been revealed.



A. D. Fleming, honored with chairmanship of Beamsville Board of Education at its inaugural meeting.

St. Catharines Would Modernize No. 8 Highway—Four Lanes

The St. Catharines city council, at Tuesday's regular session, were unanimous in calling upon the provincial government to modernize provincial highway No. 8 into a four lane highway. In addition to passing a lengthy resolution to this effect, setting forth the arguments for road construction work on this important highway, the council decided to forward the petition to all municipalities within Lincoln County asking endorsement of the request.

BREAK-INS OVER WEEK-END

Fail To Open Safes At Grimsby Planing Mill and Grimsby Garage — Car Taken Is Recovered.

Break-ins were numerous in Grimsby and district during the weekend. At the D. Marsh Estate Planing Mills, early Sunday morning the culprits forced their way into the mill by a side door. Entrance was gained to the office for forcing another door and the office safe was moved to the centre of the floor and the combination knocked off, stated Fred M. Marsh. One of the door hinges had also been cut off with a hacksaw. Their efforts to open the safe, however, were unsuccessful.

During the same early hours they also visited the Grimsby Garage, gaining entrance to the building by breaking through a back window. Apparently with the aid of the street lights on Main Street they worked on the safe in the office. They sawed the hinges from the door smashed off the combination and apparently attempted to force the door with some sort of bar but their attempts were futile. The saw was left lying by the safe and a garage blow torch had been used on the door. They however, equipped a 1935 Chevrolet DeLuxe sedan with license plates from another car, filled the gas tank with gas siphoned from another car in the garage and made their getaway, leaving the big front door standing wide open. The stolen car was recovered in Toronto where it had been abandoned.

Earlier in the evening thieves paid a visit to George Howard's Service Station on No. 8 highway, near St. Catharines and Provincial Police were of the opinion that these were the same as the ones working in Grimsby. Here they secured a small quantity of candy, cigarettes and groceries.

It is understood William Pinch, Fingerprint expert of the Hamilton police department was called down to examine the safes for finger marks but that they were unable to find any prints.

Police were called early Saturday to investigate a break-in at the Winona Garage on No. 8 highway where entrance had been gained by breaking a side window. The owners heard the noise and rushed from their home as quickly as they could get dressed.

The British-American Service Station at Smithville had been broken into to the same way but the culprits were apparently frightened away as the only missing thing was fifty cop-

A. D. FLEMING HEADS BD. OF EDUCATION

Honored With Chairmanship Of Beamsville Board — Committees Named.

Mr. A. D. Fleming was honored with the chairmanship of the Board of Education of the Village of Beamsville at its inaugural meeting held on Wednesday evening last, when all members of that body were in attendance. Mr. E. Bradbury was named vice-chairman.

Mr. Fleming enters upon his fifth year as a member of the Board, having been re-elected this year for another two year term. He is well qualified for this responsible position having served on the various committees and gained a thorough acquaintance with the work of the Board. Mr. Fleming's wide municipal experience includes nine years as a member of the village council on which he has also given valued service to the municipality.

The committees of the Beamsville Board of Education for the year are as follows, the first named in each case having been selected as chairman: Education, Fred Barracough and the wh'le board; finance, Fred Jeffrey, Alk. Taylor and Dr. C. J. Freeman; internal, Charles Tolman, W. C. Tufford and Rev. A. De Rose; external, E. Bradbury, Z. Kimberley, Allan Taylor; Community hall, E. Kimberley, V. C. Tufford and F. Barracough; vocational advisory committee, the chairman of the board and the chairman of committee, with J. W. Trevelyan, Dr. J. B. Stallwood, S. H. Culp, Norman Miller, Ernest Culp and Blake Davidson.

Mrs. Clarence Buck was reappointed to the public library board for the three-year term.

ATTEND CONVENTION

A delegation of Lincoln County ploughmen Thursday attended the annual provincial convention at Toronto. After hearing representations from several counties it was decided to take the 1936 international match eastward to the Cornwall district for the counties of Glengarry and Stormont. The junior farmers' class which has become probably the most popular in the list is to again be a feature and will probably be held on the third day of the match instead of the fourth. The competition is open to teams of three young men under 20 from each county.

Easy In Miami

Annette Mahmeister dons the most unique pair of shoes in the world in her office at the San Diego, Cal., Fair, reopening Feb. 12. Made of redwood and having cement soles, they were constructed for test of office flooring as she walks to and fro.



pets at her Miami Beach, Fla., la. Belgium a dog earns his keep (top) a milkman of Ostend is a four-legged taxi (bottom) he

COUNCIL FAVORS TAXING HYDRO

Pass Resolution For Such Legislation — Would Pay Own Education of County Pupils.

The budget of business dealt with by the Grimsby town council at its February meeting was a comparatively light one, council adjourning about ten o'clock. Mayor Lewis was in the chair and all members were present.

Considerable discussion as to legislation providing for the taxing of hydro properties, the same as properties of privately owned companies, took place, the council passing the following resolution in connection therewith:

It was moved by Councillor Dick, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, that this Grimsby Town Council go on record as favoring legislation whereby all properties of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission are subject to taxation on the same basis as privately owned companies and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hydro Electric Power Commission, Ontario Municipal Electric Association and the Ontario Municipal Assn.

Reeve Mogg dealt at some length with the matter of Education Costs and advocated that individual municipalities of the county each look after their own interests in this respect rather than through the county. He pointed out that under the present system, Grimsby not only is paying its own costs but those of high school pupils of other municipalities. He said that a substantial saving would be effected in the various municipalities if handled through the individual municipality. The council supported the stand taken by Reeve Mogg and he will endeavor to interest other municipalities in an endeavour to effect the change suggested.

The application of W. H. Betts to open a meat store at No. 10 Main St. East was approved, payment of the usual transient trading fee of \$100.00 under bylaw number 630 to be made. Relief accounts for the period of January 15, 1936 and January 31, (Continued on page 5)

Coming Event

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' AID will hold a Valentine Supper in the church rooms on Friday, February 14th. Hot Supper at 6.30, followed by a short program. Admission 25c.

Iron ore may think itself sensibly tortured in the furnace but when the watch spring looks back it knows better. —Maltbie Babcock.

Old "Jock" Pensioned Off



Here is the late King's favorite pony, "Jock," on his way to Ham Sandringham.

FEBRUARY MEETING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

No Action By Hydro On Arrears of Taxes On 16 Foot Strip of Land At Beach Taken Over From H.G. & B. Railway.

At the regular February meeting of the North Grimsby township council, considerable attention was given to the matter of tax arrears on a sixteen foot strip of land running from No. 8 highway northward to Central avenue, the land being owned by the Hydro which took it over from the old H. G. & B. radial. It is the old right of way of the radial line which at one time served Grimsby Beach.

After considerable discussion the matter was laid over for further consideration, legal advice to be sought in the meantime. Councillor Durham favored drastic action in the matter.

All members of the council were in attendance, Reeve Lawson in the chair.

It is understood that there is a waterworks debenture of \$108 against the property which will not mature for another eight years, hydro having paid the taxes on the property for the years 1931 and 1932 but has since that time declined to do so.

Deeds have been given to property owners in front of whose properties the right of way crosses from central Avenue to the C.N.R. tracks.

The viewpoint of the council is that the Hydro is liable for the taxes but it is understood that Hydro does not feel so obligated.

The road superintendent, James D. Stuart, expressed his appreciation of the close co-operation received from the council members during the past year.

The sum of \$7,000 was the appropriation for road expenditures for the year 1936 under the Highway Improvement Act.

It was moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Durham that the thawing of water services in the township be borne by the users of the municipality on a fifty-fifty basis.

Vital statistics for the year 1935 showed 26 births, 6 marriages and 23 deaths.

L. H. Leach, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank has received notice of his transfer to Brockville, effective early in March. His position will be taken by Mr. Dulmage, mgr. of the branch at Arthur.

REEVE MOGG WOULD REVISE SYSTEM OF ASSESSING



H. G. Mogg, Reeve of Grimsby and chairman of the assessment committee of Lincoln County Council, who represented the county at the course in public administration given by the Extension Department of the University of Toronto.

Wentworth Councillors Extend Cordial Welcome To Grimsby's Mayor

On the occasion of a recent visit to Hamilton Mayor R. H. Lewis of Grimsby who appeared in the court house in connection with a case coming before the Board of Review of the Farmers' Credit Arrangement Act, was invited in by the county council chamber after being introduced to the members of that body and spoke briefly regarding his sentiments for Wentworth.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the Barton Township Council more than twenty years ago, serving the township for thirteen years prior to taking up his residence in Lincoln County.

Peach Kings Play A Tie With Dunnville

Before the largest crowd of the season at the Arena Tuesday night Peach Kings and Dunnville played to a one all tie in the first game of the semi-finals in Group Seven and will go in to the second game at Dunnville Friday night on even terms. Goals count on the round and the winners will meet the winners of the Thorold-Hagersville series for the group championship.

Tuesday's game was a clean hard-fought battle with both teams playing brilliantly, the work of both goal tenders being outstanding. Play was very fast at the start with honours about even until Lawson was penalized for tripping and the Mudcats famous power play came into action but Bobby Robertson in the Peach Kings net stopped everything fired at him until Captain "Dyke" returned. Half way through the period Jones was benched for slashing and while he was off Bob Hillier uncorked one of his sizzlers from the blue line and caught Blumh napping to put the locals one up.

The second period opened with both teams playing cautiously. Lawson was sent off for tripping and Dunnville pressed hard but again Robertson turned them aside. Vaughn was penalized for slashing Robertson after the net mender had smothered a hard shot by Wettlaufer. Green evened the count at eleven minutes when he pushed the puck at Robertson after taking a pass from Phillips. The puck was hardly moving but it took a nasty hop and climbed right over the goal tender's stick. It was one of those net mender's nightmares. Fat Best was benched for boarding and then Vaughn and Murray Tufford for mixing but the period ended with no further scoring.

In the third period the Mudcats elected to play defensive hockey, being well content with a tie score, and kept five men inside the blue line until Thomas DeQuetteville was penalized for play was again turned to close checking and brilliant goal tending. Pud Reid was through several times but was unable to find the net. The bell rang with all the Peach Kings inside the Dunnville blue line bombarding Blumh. There was no overtime.

Every player on both teams played (Continued on Page 8.)

Suggests Course In Assessment For Municipal Representatives — University To Consider Suggestion.

"It's a wonderful course and just what was needed, but while they taught us about municipal law, book-keeping and how to spend the money, they didn't tell us how to get money," H. G. Mogg, Reeve of Grimsby town and representative of Lincoln County said of the course in public administration given by the University of Toronto Extension Department, which concluded Saturday after a week's session.

Mr. Mogg has suggested that a course be given in assessment. The suggestion is to receive the consideration of the university authorities.

Overhaul System

"As chairman for two years of the assessment committee of Lincoln County Council, I have been privileged to see the working of our present system," he said, "and it is at the moment badly in need of overhauling. All assessors should be supervised by the Government. The Government should not continue to let municipalities fire and hire assessors at will. Assessors should be appointed in a manner like the medical officer of health, the road superintendent, fruit pest inspectors, and not as it is now at the pleasure of the council. Some just cause should be shown for dismissals of assessor by new councils.

Cells Stewart "Champion"

"A more unified system of assessment should be set up," Mr. Mogg continued, "to lessen the burden on real estate. Home owners are being called upon to bear too much of the taxation today. Mr. William J. Stewart is, to my mind, the champion of this cause to lessen the burden on the home owner.

"Counties should be given power to appoint an assessor to strike equalized assessments of valuation and thus remove this contentious matter from county politics. No one reeve or county representative will give way to another. They all start to protect their own municipality, and so long as this lasts, controversy and expensive legal battles will continue."

Sun Life Enjoys Year Of Progress

Definite signs of an improvement in general business conditions can be gathered from the 45th Annual Report of the Sun Life Assurance Co. any of Canada just released for publication by Arthur B. Wood, President and Managing Director. The statement reflects the strength and stability of life insurance, a voluntary co-operative movement which for generations has stood every test.

The Sun Life's financial statement for 1935 shows still further strengthening and improvement, just as the report for 1934 showed progress over 1933, the year the depression reached its low point.

Assets of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada stood at an all-time high at the year-end, an increase of forty-one million dollars for 1935, and are now over seven hundred and seven million dollars.

The Bond Account increased from one hundred and sixty-two million dollars to two hundred and eighteen million dollars and is now over thirty per cent. of the assets. Profit from redemption or sale of securities during the year was over five million dollars. Cash in banks was approximately twenty-one million dollars. During 1935 the policy loan repayments took a decided upward turn which definitely indicates a return to better times. These cash repayments on loans exceeded any previous year in the history of the company and were twenty-four per cent. greater than 1934. Investment income showed a notable in-

crease of over five million dollars, further reduced and by way of illustration the report is an excellent one and encouraging for future prospects.

Another definite sign of improved business and a lessening of unemployment, gathered at the meeting, is the increase in Group Assurance, designed (Continued on page 4)